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SUBJ: RSA/US RELATIONS- SECRETARY VANCE SPEECH

SUMMARY: SCANT COVERAGE GIVEN SECRETARY VANCE
SPEECH BY RSA MEDIA WITH NO EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE;
(OUTSIDE OF HEADLINE TREATMENT); RAND DAILY MAIL
CHEERS AMB. YOUNG AND TEAM; POLITICAL COMMENTATOR
TAKES OFF AFTER FM BOTHA. END SUMMARY

1. SECRETARY VANCE NAACP SPEECH NOT HEAVILY REPORTED
IN RSA MEDIA JULY 2, AS DURBAN'S ANNUAL HORSE-RACE "THE
JULY" CAPTURED MOST PAPERS' FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION.
SABC-TV EVENING NEWS BROADCAST JULY 1 REPORTED SEGMENTS
FROM SPEECH, INCLUDING FACT U.S. " WOULD WELCOME AND
RECOGNIZE" POSITIVE ACTION BY RSA TO RESOLVE PEACEFULLY
RACIAL CONFLICTS IN RHODESIA, SWA/NAMIBIA AND RSA ITSELF.
ANNOUNCER SAID SPEECH WAS ANOTHER INDICATION U.S. IS
MOVING AWAY FROM CALL FOR ONE-MAN ONE VOTE. SPEECH
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UNREPORTED IN JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH " RAND DAILY MAIL"
AND AFRIKAANS " DIE TRANSVALER". CONSERVATIVE JOHANNESBURG
"THE CITIZEN" PLACED STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORT OF SPEECH
ON FRONT-PAGE UNDER LEAD " CALL FOR POSITIVE ACTION."
ARTICLE STRESSED " HARD LINE ATTITUDE (BY SAG) WOULD
ENCOURAGE COMMUNIST INTERVENTION." AFRIKAANS DAILY
"BEELD" LED FRONT-PAGE JULY 2 WITH WIFE SERVE REPORT

OF SPEECH UNDER HEADLINE "CHANGE OR CRASH... VANCE STATES AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS RSA" WITH SUBHEAD "START DIALOGUE NOW." ARTICLE SAID FM BOTHA WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON SPEECH AND DECLINED TO DO SO.

2. JOHANNESBURG " RAND DAILY MAIL " CARRIED FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JULY 2 COMPLIMENTING AMB. YOUNG ON PULLING OFF " REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN OUR FAVOR... AFRICAN ENDORSEMENT FOR THE WESTERN PROPOSALS ON SWA "PAPER INDICATED PROSPECTS FOR SETTling SWA ISSUE " GREATLY IMPROVED" AND NOW SWAPO MUST " GET THEMSELVES CHOSEN BY MAJORITY OF TERRITORY'S POPULATION" INSTEAD OF BEING PICKED TO RULE BY " RADICAL OUTSIDERS." EDITORIAL IN EXPLAINING HOW ACHIEVEMENT CAME ABOUT SAID IT HELPED THAT AMB. YOUNG AND HIS KEY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AT U.S. MISSION ARE BLACK, BUT "MMAINLY, IT IS BECAUSE THE VIGOROUS COMMITMENT AGAINST APRTHEID HAS GIVEN THEM CREDIBILITY IN AFRICA."

3. SAME PAPER CARRIED POLITICAL COLUMN BY LONDON BUREAU CHIEF OF S.A.A.N. STANLEY UYS SAYING U.S. IS NOT DEMANDING ONE-MAN ONE-VOTE AND WILL ACCEPT SLOWER PACE OF CHANGE. UYS ASKS WHY FM BOTHA IS ENGAGED IN SO MUCH POSTURING WHEN A) HE KNOWS BETTER; AND B) HE AND IS OWN GOVT COLLEAGUES ARE THE ONES AT FAULT. HE ASKS BOTHA AND COLLEAGUES TO RECOGNIZE THAT " INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S REJECTION OF APARTHEID IS ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGES." UYS CALLS UNCLASSIFIED

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" CARTER HUMAN RIGHS CRUSADE... HISTORIC IN ITS OWN WAY... (BECAUSE) IIT FACES UP TO FACT IT CANNOT AVOID CHOOSING BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACK SIN RSA AND THAT CHOICE EVENTUALLY MUST FALL ON THE BLACKS." ARTICLE ENDS SAYING RSA'S TRADITIONAL ALLIES IN EUROPE NOW NUMBER ONLY SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, WEST GERMANY AND BELGIUM, "A THIN, WAVERING, UNRELIABLE WHITE LINE." HUGHES

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